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JOHANNESBURG AT HIS MERCY.

Lord Roberts Will Make a Triumphant Entry This Noon.

ORANGE FREE STATE ANNEXED

His Cavalry Is Twenty Miles from Pretoria--Advice from Pretoria State that the Transvaal Government Has Opened, or Is About to Open, Peace Negotiations--President Kruger Fears He Will Be Exiled to St. Helena--Doubt Expressed If Kruger Can Muster 15,000 Men to Defend Pretoria--Collapse of Boer Forces Looked For.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, May 29.--3:30 a. m.--Lord Roberts is bivouacking in the suburbs of Johannesburg and intends to make a victorious entry at noon to-day. Judging from his dispatch he must have private information regarding the disposition of the garrison in the fort, as he does not seem to expect opposition.

Lord Roberts' cavalry have flowed on beyond Johannesburg. A portion is understood to be at Zurrfontein, seven miles north of Johannesburg and within 20 miles of Pretoria.

As he has been able to do so much, it is considered possible that he will be outside of Pretoria Friday. The rapidity of his advance is thought an extraordinary achievement, even by grudging continental critics. The Boers, who were expected to fight along the line of hills known as Klipriviersberg, abandoned the eastern end of the range, near Lord Roberts' advance line, but they stood their ground on the extreme right near Vayekrust, where they met General French's turning movement. The fight continued all day, and the result is at yet not conjectured. Probably the Boer rear guard succeeded in keeping General French off, and is now in the hills northwest of Johannesburg.

The Standard has the following advice from Pretoria under Monday's date:

WILL SUE FOR PEACE.
"The Transvaal government has opened, or is about to open, peace negotiations. It has called a final inquiry to its agents abroad, asking whether any hope exists of aid."

Without doubt the presence of Lord Roberts with forty thousand men at Johannesburg will hasten the Transvaal's decision.

Despatches from Lourenzo Marques yesterday described President Kruger as "wavering but demanding a guarantee that he shall not be exiled to St. Helena."

The fighting burghers still continue to desert and the total collapse of the Boer military organization is not far off. Benoit Burleigh, wiring from Lord Roberts' headquarters at Vereeniging on Sunday says:

"I doubt if President Kruger can muster 15,000 men, as many of the burghers have gone to their homes."

Pretoria is situated in a wilderness of kopjes and ranges, and is provided with defenses that require at least 20,000 men to man them properly. There may still be one hard nut for the British to crack.

The news that Lord Roberts was practically master of Johannesburg was received in London with noisy enthusiasm. A procession of students marched through the west end cheering and singing. The announcement at the various places of amusement was followed by singing of the National Anthem and cheers for "Boys."

Sir Redvers Buller and the Boers had an artillery duel all day yesterday without marked result. The equilibrium in Natal seems still maintained. **ORANGE FREE STATE ANNEXED.** Cape Town, Monday, May 28.--Lord Roberts yesterday announced to his troops the annexation of the Free State, which hereafter will be called the Orange River State.

PROTECTION PROMISED NEUTRALS.

New Castle, Natal, May 29.--The British guns at Ingogo have been heavily bombarding the Boer positions since daylight. The Boers' guns have replied intermittently.

New Castle, May 29.--The following proclamation has been issued by the General in command:

The troops of the Queen are now passing through the Transvaal. Her Majesty does not war upon individuals, but, on the contrary, she is anxious to spare them, so far as possible, the horrors of war.

"The quarrel which England has with the Government and not the people of the Transvaal. Provided they remain neutral no attempt will be made with persons living near the line of march. Every possible protection will be given them. Any of their property which it may be necessary to take will be paid for. But on the other hand--those thus allowed to remain near the line of march must respect and maintain neutrality."

The residents of any locality will be held responsible, in both their persons and property, for any damage done to the railway or telegraph, or for violence done to any member of the British forces in the vicinity of their homes."

London, May 29.--The following dispatch has been received from Lord Roberts:

emy did not expect us until tomorrow and had not, therefore, carried off all their rolling stock. We took possession of the junction connecting Johannesburg with Natal, Pretoria and Klerksdrop by railroad.

"Johannesburg is reported quiet and no mines, I understand, have been injured."

"I shall summon the commandant in the morning and if, as I expect, there is no opposition, I propose to enter the town with all the troops at noon."

Germiston is a suburb to the south-east of the Johannesburg railway junction.

Additional evidence that the mines are intact comes in message received by a mining company here today from its Johannesburg representative, dated May 28, via Delagoa Bay, saying "All right."

Lord Roberts' despatch is regarded as announcing the virtual occupation of Johannesburg and apparently the Boers have again effected a retreat, as there is no mention of any prisoners or capture, except the rolling stock. There will be some little anxiety pending the actual occupation of Johannesburg as there are rumors that the town has been mined, with the intention of blowing up Lord Roberts and his staff on their entry into that place.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, May 29.--The American Line steamship New York, which lost her port propeller, and part of her shaft on her voyage to this port from Southampton, will be sent to Newport News for repairs. A new shaft and other machinery has been cabled for from the other side and will come over on the first vessel. The New York will probably sail on her next trip across on July 11.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

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CELESTIAL EMPIRE IS TOTTERING.

Operations of the "Boxers" Increasing in Magnitude.

RUSSIA READY TO INVADE.

The Chinese Army Suspected of Disloyalty--Its Soldiers Deserting in Large Numbers to Join the "Boxers"--Minister Conger Appeals to the State Department for a Guard for the United States Legation--All Available Russian Gunboats Ordered to Taku--"Boxers" Cut the Railroad Communication Between Taku, Tien Tsin and the Capital.

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MONEY FOR OUR EXPOSITION.

Senate Adds Half a Million to Sundry Civil Appropriations.

BOER RESOLUTION REFERRED

Goes to Committee on Foreign Relations--War Claim Amendment Ruled Out--The House Refused to Accept Senate Amendment to Naval Appropriation Bill Seeking to Limit the Price to be Paid for Armor Plate--Vote Was Close.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, D. C., May 29.--A few minutes before adjournment this evening the Senate added to the sundry civil appropriation bill an amendment appropriating \$500,000 for the Louisiana exposition, to be held in St. Louis in 1903, the conditions being that \$10,000,000 in addition be raised by the exposition authorities. The amendment was offered by Mr. Cockrell, of Missouri, and was adopted without debate and without division.

The Teller resolution, expressing sympathy for the Boers, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations by a vote of 40 to 28.

Mr. Fairbanks, of Indiana, endeavored

the amendment had been defeated. The point was sustained.

APPEALED FROM CHAIR.

Mr. Daniel took an appeal from the decision of the Chair (Mr. Frye) and addressed the Senate in support of his appeal, dealing particularly with the claims of the State of Virginia. Subsequently he withdrew the appeal, and on the point of order the amendment went out of the bill.

Mr. Wolcott, of Colorado, made a vigorous and humorous attack upon the geological survey. He declared that its work of investigating streams, for which \$85,000 had been expended, was not worth 85 cents. He denounced the whole scheme as a gold brick game.

Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, made an appeal for the adoption of the proposition, offering an amendment to increase the amount appropriated to \$250,000.

After other speeches, defending the survey, Mr. Butler's amendment was agreed to 28 to 21. The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Allison announced that an adjournment over to-morrow would postpone final adjournment at least one day. On motion of Mr. Sewell, however, the Senate decided to adjourn over until Thursday on account of Decoration Day.

A committee, authorized, authorizing the President to appoint an architect and a landscape architect, to be associated with the Chief of Engineers, to report plans for the enlargement of the White House, was agreed to.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House to-day, by a vote of 107 to 121, refused to accept the Senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill relating to armor plate, and adopted a modified proposal, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for armor plate at a price deemed reasonable by him, and if he cannot procure armor at an equitable price, authorizing him, in his discretion, to purchase a site for the erection of an armor plate factory, the cost not to exceed \$4,000,000.

Mr. Wheeler, of Kentucky, moved to reconsider and concur in the Senate amendment.

Mr. Rixey, of Virginia, a member of the Naval Committee, declared that the adoption of Mr. Foss' motion, giving the Secretary of the Navy authority to contract for armor at a reasonable price, would be tantamount to agreeing to the price charged by the armor plate factories.

The vote was taken first upon Mr. Wheeler's motion to reconsider and concur in the Senate amendment, which was lost--107 to 121.

Mr. Foss' motion was then carried without division. The bill was then sent to further conference.

After disposing of the postoffice bill the House, at 8 p. m., adjourned.

CHINATOWN QUARANTINED.

STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

(By telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)
San Francisco, May 29.--The Board of Health has quarantined Chinatown and that section of the city is now surrounded by a cordon of police, who refuse to allow anyone to pass in or out of the district unless he is provided with a proper permit. The quarantine order also includes the street cars, which are not allowed to pass through the district.

It was only after a spirited meeting of the Supervisors that it was decided to quarantine Chinatown, in order to protect the residents in other parts of the city, and the people of the country at large, against the plague, which, it is alleged, is lying dormant here.

Presidential Nominations.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, May 29.--The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Brigadier-General Elwell S. Otis, U. S. A., to be Major-General June 16, 1900, vice Merrill to be retired on that date.

Court of Private Land Claims--Joseph R. Reed, of Iowa, to be Chief Justice.

To be Associate Justice--Thomas C. Fuller, of North Carolina; William W. Murray, of Tennessee; Harry C. Sloss, of Kansas; Wilbur F. Stone, of Colorado.

Thomas H. Norton, of Ohio, to be Consul at Harput, Turkey.

Kearsarge to Tompkinsville.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, May 29.--The battleship Kearsarge, now being inspected by the Naval Inspection Board in Hampton Roads, has been ordered to proceed to Tompkinsville at the conclusion of the inspection. She will go into drydock at New York June 1.

The Tennis Championship.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, May 29.--J. Parmley Paret, of the New York Lennox Tennis Club, today wrested the championship of the South in singles from John G. Davidson, of Washington, who has successfully defended it or several years.

WALLACE MAY OPPOSE LAMB.

Friends of Former Meet This Week to Talk it Over.

EXTRA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Impression that One Will be Called Growing Daily--Want to Amend Constitution as Soon as Possible--The Trip to Tampa Over S. A. L.--Republicans Charge Ballot Box Stuffing in Jackson Ward, and Will Carry Matter to Court.

(Special to The Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, May 29.--The friends of Mr. Jefferson Wallace, chairman of the city Democratic committee, will hold a meeting this week at which it will be decided whether he will enter the race for Congress from this district.

There seems very little doubt, however, that he will oppose Capt. John Lamb, who, though he has made an active, earnest and acceptable representative, is growing old, and there is a sentiment in favor of sending a younger and more vigorous man to the National halls of legislation. Mr. Wallace is closely identified with the party management, and has an excellent

AN EXTRA SESSION.

The impression is growing that the Governor will call an extra session of the Legislature for next summer. It is the idea of the leaders that as the people have agreed that the constitution shall be amended it had better be done as soon as possible.

There is little doubt that every effort will be made to secure the services of the ablest and purest men in Virginia for this very important task.

S. A. L. TRIP.

The inspection of the Seaboard Air Line will take place tomorrow, and will be a great event in the history of the road. The start will be made from this city, and the party to accompany President John Skelton Williams will be a number of capitalists from Baltimore who are interested in the line, as well as representatives from the Virginia and many northern newspapers. The party will go to Tampa, Fla., and President Williams will tender his guests many courtesies, in the way of banquets, &c., at Savannah and Jacksonville.

On the return Richmond will be reached next Saturday afternoon, when there will be imposing ceremonies in connection with the event.

A banquet will be given at night, when Postmaster-General Smith will be one of the speakers.

President McKinley, who was invited to attend, has written that business will prevent him from doing so.

DECORATION DAY.

There will be a general suspension of business here to-morrow in honor of Decoration Day. All the State and Federal offices will be closed. There will be a great military and civilian parade in the afternoon, closing with the decoration of the soldiers' graves in Hollywood and an oration by Hon. D. Gardner Tyler.

BALLOT-BOX STUFFING.

Mr. W. L. Royall, who has been retained to represent the Republicans here, who are claiming that they were defrauded in the recent election, says that he will bring legal proceedings in the Hustings Court, and will prove that the ballot-boxes in Jackson Ward were stuffed.

Political Arrests in Russia.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

London, May 30.--The Standard publishes the following from Kieff, Russia, dated Tuesday:

Seventy-six arrests have been made in Odessa at the instance of the secret police, 18 in Kieff and 29 in Warsaw. There is much mystery involved, but the arrests appear to be connected with the same charges of sedition, which, two months ago, led to two hundred arrests in St. Petersburg and to one hundred in Warsaw.

Bad Results at Griffin.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Griffin, Ga., May 29.--The scientists who made the eclipse observations here yesterday failed to get even a single photograph of the phenomena, with the possible exception of one made by Dr. Crews, which may develop into something of benefit. L. E. Jewell, in speaking of the matter today said:

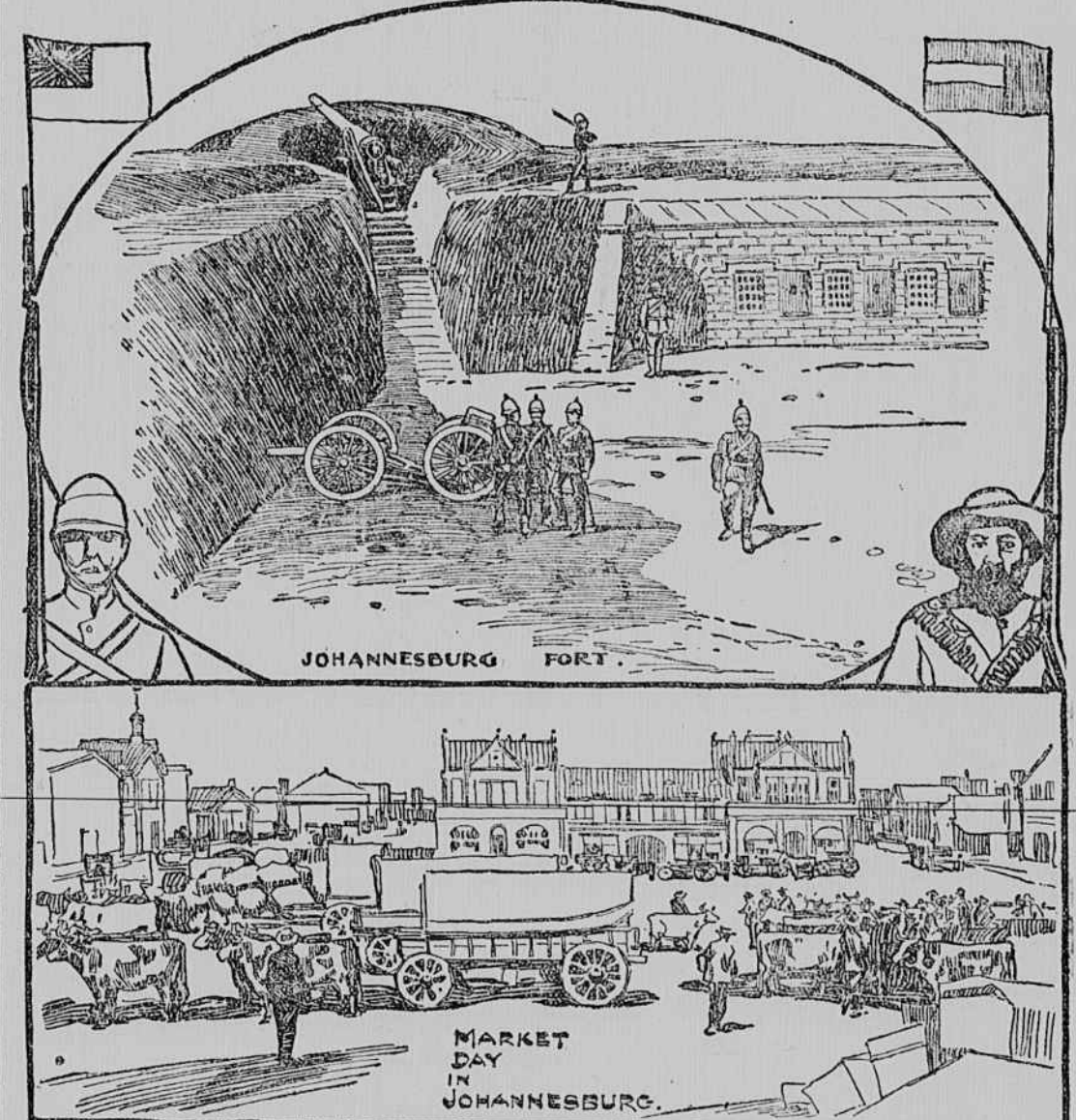
"The misfortune was evidently caused by the cloud which was before the sun during the period of totality."

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VIEWS OF JOHANNESBURG, WHICH WILL SOON BE ATTACKED BY LORD ROBERTS' ARMY.

Maimed Veterans at Louisville.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Atlanta, Ga., May 29.--Two hundred maimed veterans, each of whom lost either a leg, an arm, or an eye in the civil war, left here to-day on a special train for the annual Re-union at Louisville. They were accompanied by Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy and sponsors from all parts of the State.

The original organization of veterans, known as the Atlanta Battalion of Maimed Confederate Veterans, paraded through the streets before its departure. It is under command of Major W. P. Dearing, and goes as a detachment of the North Georgia Brigade, commanded by Brigadier-General A. J. West. The disabled veterans were loudly cheered as they left the city.

Augusta, Ga., May 29.--One hundred uniformed Confederate Veterans from C. S. A. Camp, 435, under command of Captain G. W. McLaughlin, left at 1 p. m. to-day on a special train for Louisville to attend the Re-union.

New Bishop Appointed.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Columbus, O., May 29.--It is semi-officially announced that Rev. Henry Moeller, of Cincinnati, has been appointed Bishop of Columbus, to succeed Bishop Watterson, deceased.

far up the Pei Ho river as the Taku forts, which is the nearest point to Peking that the ship can reach. The operations of the "Boxers" are increasing in magnitude. Their demonstrations are no longer local, and they appear to be governed in their movements by some well settled design. They have murdered nine Methodist missionaries in one province, at the town of Pachow, and have closed in on Peking.

Meanwhile the Chinese army is suspected of disloyalty, this belief being strengthened by wholesale desertions of the soldiers to the "Boxers."

Minister Conger has appealed to the State Department for the protection of a marine guard for his legation. A department has promptly cabled him an authorization to call upon the nearest United States naval vessels for assistance. It is not known whether he has availed himself of the permission.

THE RAILWAY CUT.

The embarrassing feature of the situation is the cutting of the communication by rail between Taku and Tien Tsin and the capital, for the "Boxers" have burned the railroad bridges and there are probably only two courses open to the marines who wish to reach Peking: a long overland march through a hostile country away from supports, or a tedious voyage up the swift and shallow Pei Ho in shore boats in tow of steam launches.

According to report the Chinese Gov-

to secure consideration of the bill providing for the extradition of criminals from the United States to Cuba, but Mr. Allison declined to lay aside the appropriation bill for that purpose.

A House bill, permitting the construction of a dam across New River, in Grayson county, Va., was passed.

Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, presented the credentials of his colleague, Thomas S. Martin, as Senator from Virginia for the term of six years, beginning on March 4, 1901. They were placed on file.

The Teller resolution was then laid before the Senate and Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, addressed the Senate.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The motion was carried--40 to 26.

Consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed.

The committee amendment relating to the enforcement of the contract labor law and the Chinese exclusion act, which had been passed over, was so modified as to read that the enforcement of these laws should be "under the supervision and control of the Secretary of the Treasury." The amendment then was agreed to.

AMENDMENT RULED OUT.

Against the committee amendment providing the adjustment and settlement of certain claims of various States arising out of the war of 1812, of the civil war and of certain Indian wars, Mr. Pettigrew made a point of order that it was new legislation.